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1. DEPT HAS NOT YET SEEN JOINT STATEMENT WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN ALREADY ISSUED TODAY. SUGGEST YOU TAKE FIRST APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL.

2. USG UNDERSTANDS REASON WHY VARIOUS COUNTRIES DESIRE TO DEVELOP RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA. MOREOVER WE RECOGNIZE IN LONG RUN IT WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO BRING NORTH KOREA OUT OF PRESENT ISOLATION AND INTO MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING FULL MEMBERSHIP IN UNGA. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT EVEN-HANDED TREATMENT OF TWO KOREAN PARTIES BY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS ESSENTIAL TO CREATE CLIMATE CONDUCIVE TO STABILITY OF KOREAN PENINSULA AND RESOLUTION OF KOREAN ISSUES BY KOREANS. ROKG HAS REC-
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OGNIZED THIS NECESSITY AND PRESIDENT PARK HAS PUBLICLY

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EXPRESSED INTENTION TO DEAL WITH ALL COUNTRIES ON BASIS OF EQUALITY AND RECIPROCITY. TO CONTRARY, HOWEVER, NORTH KOREA HAS ACTIVELY SOUGHT TO RESTRICT ACTION BY HER FRIENDS AND ALLIES TOWARD DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH THE SOUTH, AS RESULT OF WHICH OVERALL MOVEMENT IN PAST YEAR HAS BEEN TOWARD RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA WITH NO CORRESPONDING RECIPROCITY BY ALLIES OF NK. GOP COULD MAKE MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO CONCEPT OF EQUAL TREATMENT BY INFORMING NORTH KOREA THAT WHILE PANAMA IS PREPARED TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH NORTH, THIS CAN BEST OCCUR IN PARALLEL WITH COMPARABLE MOTION BY FRIENDS OF NORTH TOWARD ROK. MOREOVER, TIME HAS COME FOR NORTH TO ALLOW HER FRIENDS TO MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION. RUSH

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